

Johnston, Ill., arrested last night. Unable to give \$10,000 bail. Sent to county jail.

Turkey to be cheap this Christmas is prediction of Dep't of Agriculture.

Joseph Eiseman, 908 Crescent pl., robbed by two men as he entered his office at 30 S. Clark st. Lost \$1 and \$400 stickpin.

"Padded-brick" burglar got \$500 in jewelry from the Russian Art Store, 69 E. Adams. Broke window.

FERRY SAYS FAIR COUNT IN PHONE DEAL WILL BE MADE

"We are counting and classifying every automatic telephone known and discoverable, in service or out of service, in the city of Chicago."

This was the reply of Montague Ferry, commissioner of public service, to the question of how the automatic phone count is being made. Every classification of phones asked for by the Penny Phone league and 15 other organizations which asked an auditing committee is being used in the check-up, besides several other classifications not mentioned.

"All facts, figures and data bearing on the question of how many bona-fide subscribers the Illinois Telephone & Telegraph Co. has will be collected," said Ferry. "There will be more information than necessary for the report. A mass of accurate, verified figures will be presented to the council by which aldermen or citizens may go ahead and make still other classifications of bona-fide, quasi bona-fide and doubtful bona-fide subscribers if they choose."

The department of public service headed by Ferry costs the city \$200,000 a year. It was started through an ordinance introduced by Ald. Merriam early this year. Its work is to keep tab on all public utility corporations which are supposed to be regulated by city ordinance.

Friends of the department don't like the inferred criticism directed at it in the appointment of an outside

committee to "assist" the department in the automatic phone count. The people who asked for this outside committee insist with emphasis that all they want is a fair handling and no jugglery of the data after it has been collected.

With a spring campaign coming on and a rumor on foot that Mayor Harrison would suppress the phone count report until after election, some of the Penny Phone leaguers felt there was added need for action that would insure as little delay as possible.

Women delegates from seven organizations met in the city hall yesterday and after a conference notified Chairman Sitts of the gas, oil and electric light committee that Mrs. Albert H. Schwertzer, chairman of the civic efficiency committee of the Chicago Political Equality league, will be their member of the committee of three which will watch the phone count.

The Chicago Federation of Labor member will be chosen at the meeting Sunday. An accountant to be picked by the 16 organizations who asked for such a committee will be the third member.

